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A . C . M . MOSQUERA LEGATION UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA PARIS

= IF BILLS ARE PRESENTED I VVILL HOLD YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONSEQUENCES TO ME AND THE CREDIT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT YOU HOLD THEM FOR GOVERNMENT AND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NO RIGHT TO DEAL VVITH THEM

= MC KENNA LONDON

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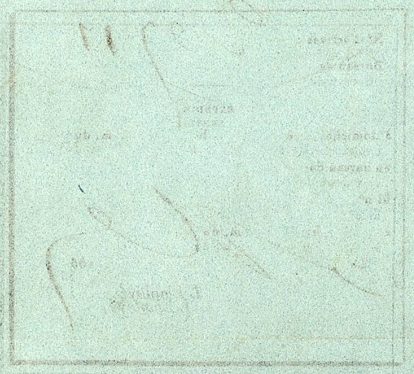

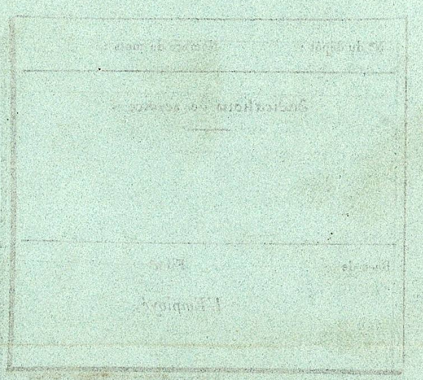

W. C. McKenna Esq.re

46 Old Broad Street — London

Legation of the United States
of Colombia — Paris 1st August 1867

Sir

I have received your telegram and your letter dated 31st July. I sincerely regret that, in the circumstances of the case, it is out of my power to withdraw the Bills in question without taking upon myself a great responsibility. In financial matters I am a mere agent of the Colombian government, and this official capacity involves a tacit mutual compact, namely, that I would fulfil their commissions, and that they should provide the necessary means for disengaging me of all and any pecuniary obligations I might enter into. For this purpose were sent to me the two Bills of £500 each, drawn by you from Bogotá, duly accepted by Mr. Cotterill, and just due to-day. Relying, of course, upon such good signatures as yours and Mr. Cotterill's, I had nothing more to inquire, nor have had any cognizance of your deeds with the government at Bogotá. I am in fact bound to pay several accounts to which these monies are specially destined, and my word is engaged therein.

Trusting that upon mature reflection you will see the real footing of this affair,

I have the honor to be your most obedient
Servant
M. M. Mosquera

N. B.
A copy of this letter is sent
to the Bank of England

Legation of the Ul. St of Colombia
Paris the 1st August 1857

To the Chief Cashier of
the Bank of England

Sir — In addition to the letter that I had the honor to address to you on the 29th July, I enclose now a copy of my answer to Mr. McKenna's new letter of the 31st that I have just received. I of course have declined to withdraw the two Bills of £500 each accepted and due to-day by Mr. Cotterill.

Depending therefore upon the collection of their amount, which I expect shall be realised to-morrow, I have the honor to inform you that on this supposition I have drawn this day two cheques upon the Bank of England: viz.

For £380 — to the order of Messrs. Mildred Goyeneche & Co —
" " 600 — to the order of Messrs. Drave & Samuel

I am, Sir, with the highest consideration
your most obedient Servant

The Minister of the Ul. St. of Colombia
Al. Mosquera

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[All Letters to be addressed
to the CHIEF CASHIER.]

Bank of England,—E.C.

3rd August, 1867.

Senor M. M. Mosquera
Minister of the United States of Columbia,
Paris.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 29th July and 1st instant, annexing copies of letters written by you to Mr. M'Kenna.

The two bills of £500 Each to which you refer have been refused payment, and are returned herein duly protested.

In consequence of the dishonour of these bills, your two drafts for £380 and £800, respectively, have been refused payment.

I have debited your account £1.3- for notarial charges.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
S. O. Gratt
asst Chief Cashier

[All Letters to be addressed
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3rd August, 1867.

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Sam, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
J. C. Pall
Asst Chief Cashier

(Copy)

Dear Sirs

Throgmorton St E.C. 7 Aug 1867

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday on the subject of 2 Bills for 500 each drawn by Mr W.L. McKenna upon & accepted by me & which I know are held by Don Manuel Mosquera the representative of the Government of the United States of Colombia here & in France

The circumstances under which these Bills were given & the reasons why they were not paid in due course I will explain & I venture to think you will be thoroughly satisfied that neither in a legal or moral point of view is there any thing to justify the attempt which Mr Mosquera is threatening to enforce the payment

The facts are shortly as follows. In the latter part of last year Mr McKenna the drawer of the Bills on his own behalf & that of Clients of ours went to Bogota to arrange the purchase of certain valuable rights belonging to the U.S. of Colombia. The result was that a Contract was entered into between Genl Mosquera the President of the Republic & Mr McKenna by which the property was purchased but as the Contract required the confirmation of Congress it was conditional upon such Consent being obtained. General Mosquera prefer'd Mr McKenna to make him on behalf of the Government a Loan of some thousands sterling on account of the Purchase money which eventually Mr McKenna was induced to do upon the express condition that if Congress refused to ratify the Contract the Loan was to be cancelled. The loan was to be represented by Bills which Mr McKenna was to draw on me and though this loan was altogether foreign to Mr McKenna's mission he agreed to make it on the pure faith of General

Mosquera's assurance & under an express agreement in writing that if the Contract was not confirmed the Loan was to be cancelled. Furthermore and as part of the agreement & to provide for the contingency of the Bills being accepted & the Contract not ratified Genl Mosquera on behalf of the Government expressly stipulated to put Mr McKenna & myself in funds to provide for the Bills at maturity. The Bills were negotiated & I very reluctantly & only on the faith of the General's express engagement in writing to provide for the Bills if the Contract was not ratified, accepted them. Two of the Bills are those for which you are now instructed to seek payment. These Bills were remitted by the Government to Mr. Mosquera as its representative.

It turned out that the Congress refused to ratify the Contract & consequently the Loan represented by the Bills became null & void & it therefore devolved upon the Government in accordance with its express engagement to provide for the Bills before maturity - The Government have however been guilty of a gross & flagrant breach of faith as also of express agreement for they have failed to provide one shilling & I have already paid Bills to the amount of 5000 in the expectation & on the faith that the Government would have kept to its engagement

The 2 Bills in question were remitted to Mr

Mosquera as their representative and are held by him as such. It is too clear, we submit, to admit of any question, that neither the Government or Mr Mosquera as its representative have any right whatever either legal or moral to require payment of the Bills.

I am prepared if necessary to satisfy you by actual proof of the accuracy of the above statements

It being as I submit so clear that no Action can be maintained upon the Bills I trust you will see the propriety of advising Mr. Mosquera not to attempt to resort to legal proceedings as such a course will only entail upon me the necessity unpleasant tho' it may be to me personally, of obtaining leave to appear, but which as you must suppose I shall be constrained to adopt in self protection.

I may observe that Mr. Mosquera was some day back requested by Mr McKenna not to present the Bills but he has ignored the request & the first intimation I receive is your letter.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours very truly
W. H. Cotterill

Messrs Oliverson Peachey Denby & Peachey

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Estados Unidos de Colombia — Poder Ejecutivo nacional — Seccion 4ª
Secretaría del Tesoro y del crédito nacional — Número 368

Señor Manuel María Mosquera, Enviado Extraordinario y Ministro Plenipotenciario de la Union en Francia é Inglaterra.

Tengo el honor de poner en conocimiento de U. que conforme lo ha determinado el Poder Ejecutivo, la Tesorería General de la Union enviará á la órden de U. una letra por mil libras esterlinas (£1000) de las que el Señor W. C. Mackenna giró á favor del Gran General T. C. de Mosquera y á cargo del Señor W. H. Cotterill de Lóndres, con el objeto de que U. pueda efectuar con su valor la compra de los efectos que le han sido pedidos para diferentes aplicaciones.

Bogotá, Marzo 20 de 1867.

(Firmado) F. Largacha.

Estados Unidos de Colombia — Número 80.

El Tesorero General

Al Señor Manuel María Mosquera, Enviado Extraordinario y Ministro Plenipotenciario de la Union en Lóndres y Paris.

El Señor Secretario del Tesoro y del crédito nacional en nota Nº 371, seccion 4ª, fecha de hoy, me dice lo que copio.

"El Poder Ejecutivo dispone envie U. al Señor Manuel María Mosquera, Enviado Extraordinario y Ministro Pleni=potenciario de la Union en Lóndres, una letra por mil

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Libras

Libras esterlinas (£1000) de las que el señor Mackenna giró á favor del Gran General T. C. de Mosquera, y á cargo del señor W. H. Cotterill de Lóndres, para emplear su valor en la compra de varios efectos que ha pedido el Gobierno al expresado Señor Mosquera."

Lo que transcribo á Ud. remitiéndole dos letras por valor de quinientos libras (£500) cada una, Nos. 17 y 18, giradas por el Señor W. C. Mackenna á favor del Gran General y á cargo del Señor W. H. Cotterill de Lóndres, las que van por principal y duplicado. — Sírvase Ud. acusarme recibo —

Bogotá Marzo 20 de 1867.

(Firmado) T. Hernández —

Paris Agosto 4 de 1867.

Son copias de las notas originales que existen en el archivo de esta Legacion —

El Ministro Plenipotenciário

M. M. Mosquera

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Copia

The undersigned Froilan Largacha, Secretary of the Treasury and National Credit, of the Government of the United States of Colombia duly authorized by the Executive Power and W. C. M'Kenna have agreed to enter into a contract contained in the following articles

Article 1st M'Kenna undertakes to bend to the Govmt of the UUSS of Colombia the sum of Twenty thousand pounds £20.000 or $100.000 hard dollars in cash or bills drawn by Mr M'Kenna in favour or to the order of the Grand General F. C de Mosquera. These bills shall be received by the Government of the UUSS of Colombia at the present rate of exchange in this City

Article the 2nd. This said sum is lent by W. C. M'Kenna sobely and exclusively in consideration of the contract for the sale of the reserves of the Panamá Railway effected with him as Attorney of W. Henry Cotterill and signed in this city on the 16th inst. and as a proof of which Mr M'Kenna offers of the good faith of which he, W. H. Cotterill intends to carry into effect on his part the contract. Therefore the said loan will be without any interest should the Congress approve the contract for the sale of the reserves of the Panamá Railway

Article 3rd After the Congress will have approve the contract for the sale of the reserves the Government shall apply the said sum of £20.000, object of the present contract on account of the £200.000 which W. H. Cotterill or his assignees lend to the Colombian Government according to Article . . . of the said mentioned contract for the sale of the reserves of the Panama

Railway. Thus Cotterill or his agsignees shall deliver to the Government at the proper fixed date only £180.000 and will receive Bonds for £200.000 the Government by this means repaying the loan which Mer M'Kenna makes by this contract

Article 4th. Should the Federal Congress not approve in its next Sessions the said contract for the sale of the Reserve of the Panama Railway Company signed in this City as aforesaid, the Government of the U de S. of Colombia undertake solemnly to repay to W. C. M'Kenna at the fixed dates the said sum of £20.000 or $100.000 hard dollars in the following terms.

£5.000 or $25.000 on the first april of the present year, an equal amount on the 1st of may following, an equal amount on the 1st of june next and an equal sum on the 1st July next till the complement of the said £20.000. Such payments will be made to M'Kenna or his Attorney or the representative in the city of Saint Matthew in colombian large coin of gold or silver or in bills on Linden which which Mr W. C M'Kenna or his attorney will be willing to accep. Should the payment be made in cash, the Government will also pay any difference of exchange on London at the current rate in Saint Matthew

Article 5th In case the ~~Government~~ Congress do not approve the sale of the reserve of the Panama Railway in its next Sesion the Government will pay to M'Kenna interest of 6% on the said sum of £20.000. The payment of interest will be made on the same date fixed for the repayments of the Capital and on the said terms, and in accordance with the stipulations of the aforesaid article

Article 6th As a security for the payment of the said capital and interest in case of the Congress not approving the contract for the sale of the reserves the Government of Colombia shall apply to it the 35% of the gross amount of the import duties levied on the Santa Marta Custom House, from 1st of March next, and therefore this 35% which is at present free, shall be treated as and is hereby made a special hypotheration for the repayment of the said loan £20.000 and interest thereon, and the government guarantees an insures the payment of the said £20.000 and interest with the proceeds of the said 35%. Besides and as a collateral security the Grand General F C de Mosquera acting as the founder ~~of~~ and Superintendent of the Undertaking of the Buenaventura Road transfers to W. C M'Kenna all rights which this undertaking possesses on the Custom Houses of the Union so that M'Kenna will make use of necessary of the said rights to pay himself of the mentioned loan

Article 7th The present contract will be submitted to the approval of the Grand General President of the Union —

Dated in Bogotá the 17 January 1867 —

Signed — F. Largacha
Approved F. C de Mosquera

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Esta copia es tomada de otra copia simple que Mr W. H Cotterill pasó a los Solicitors Oliverson Peachey Denby & Peachey empleados por mí para requerirle al pago de las dos letras de a £500 dadas a su cargo por Mr W C M'Kenna Mr Cotterill no exhibió el contrato original

que dijo haberlo dejado Mr M'Kenna a su apoderado en Santa Marta

París agosto 19 de 1867

Legacion de los Estados Unidos de Colombia.

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Nº 1 Carta de Mr W. C Markenna = 40 Old Broad St. London 27th July 1867.

To His Excellency Senor M M Mosquera Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of Colombia

Your Excellency

Having learnt from the Bank of England that you hold two Bills for £500 each drawn by me from Bogota upon Mr William Henry Cotterill of this City due on the first August and received by you from the Government at Bogota I beg to acquaint you that these bills were given to the Government of the United States of Colombia in consideration of certain conditions which the Government has not carried out

These bills formed part of a loan of £200.000 made by me to the Government upon the expresy condition that the Government were to remit me specially by four instalments of £5000 each on first april 1st May 1st June and 1st July in time to provide for the Bills before me. Surety but up to this time no remittance what ever has been received

Under these circumstances the Government have completely failed to meet the engagements undertaken by them and upon the faith of which the Bills were given. I beg to inform you that I have requested Mr Cotterill not to pay the acceptances in question, and you will therefore see the propriety of not presenting those Bills for payment, but return them to the Government from whom you received them with the notice declaring the reasons why the

Bills are not honoured

I have the honour to be your very
Obt Servant = signed = W. C. M'Kenna

N°2. Contenant a la carta anterior

Paris 29th July 1867. To W. C. M'Kenna Esq.
40 Old Broad St = London

Sir — I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst informing me that you have requested Mer Cottrell not to pay the acceptances of two Bills of £500 each drawn by your firm Bogotá upon him due on the 1st August and now held by me in the Bank of England as an item of my official account. You further inform me of certain conditions upon which these and other bills to the amount of £20.000 were drawn by you in favour of the Government of the United States of Colombia

These two Bills having been sent to me by the Secretary of the Treasury and National Credit for a special employment without any reference whatever to the matter to which you allude I am not at liberty to deal with them but in the regular course of business

I have the honour to be your most Obt
Servant — Signed — M M Mosquera, Minister
for the U S of Colombia.

N°3 Réplica de Mer M'Kenna.

To his Excellency M M Mosquera
40 Old Broad St E. C. London July 31 1867

Your Excellency — I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th instant in which you communicate me that the two bills about which I wrote you on the 27th inst having been sent to you by the Secretary of the Treasury & National Credit for a special employment and without any reference whatever to the

matter to which I alluded you are not at liberty to deal with them except in the regular course of business

I beg to state that I deemed it right upon the receipt of your letter to forward to your Excellency a telegram of which the following is a copy

" Mc Kenna London To His Excellency Mr M
" Mosquera, Legation United States of Colombia
" Paris — If bills are presented I will hold you res
" ponsible for all consequences to me and the credit
" of your Government. You hold them for Government
" and under the circumstances have no right to deal
" with them."

I must now beg to point out to your Excellency that as these bills are held by you as the representative of the Government, as you have been duly notified that the Government have not provided for these bills under the terms of the contract as all the circumstances in connexion with the transaction are within your official cognizance, and can be in every respect investigated and verified, there can be no doubt that dealing with these bills as with ordinary bills of exchange is not consistent with the known facts of the case.

I trust therefore your Excellency will see the propriety of adopting the course I have recommended namely of withdrawing the bills and returning them to the Government of Colombia as the Bills will certainly not be paid by the acceptor

I have the honour to be your very Obt
Servant. W. C. Mackenna

N° 4° Contestacion a la replica anterior

Legation of the United States of Colombia — Paris 1st August 1867

To W. C. Mc Kenna Esq. 40 Old Broad St

Sir. I have received your telegram and letter dated 31st July. I sincerely regret that under the circumstances of the case it is out of my power to withdraw the Bills in question

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Colombian Government and this official capacity
envolves a tacit mutual compact, namely that
I must fulfil their commissions and that they
should provide the necessary means for disengag-
ging me of all pecuniary obligations in which
I may incur. For these purpose were sent to me
the two bills of £300 each, drawn by you from
Bogotá duly accepted by Mer Cotterill and
just due to day. Relying of course upon such
good signatures as yours and Mr Cotterill's
I had nothing more to inquire, nor have I had
any cognizance of your deeds with the Government
at Bogotá I am in fact bound to pay several
accounts to which these monies are specially des-
tined and my word is engaged therein
Trusting that you upon mature
reflection will see the real footing of this affair
I have the honour to be your most Ob.t Servant
Mc Mc Mosquera
N.o 5 Casa al Banco de Inglaterra-
Legation of the United States of Colombia
Paris 29th July 1867. To the Chief Casthier of
the Bank of England. Sir. Having received
from Mr W. L. Mc Kenna a letter dated on
the 27th inst. informing me that on the ground
of certain allegations which he has to set up
against the government of the United States
of Colombia he has requested Mr Cotterill
not to pay the acceptances of the two Bills
for £300 each, to become due on the 1st augus
next I have thought it proper to send you here
enclosed a full copy of the answer given
to Mr Mc Kenna so that you may proceed
in conformity with the ordinary rules of commerce
for the collection of the said bills
I have the honour to be &c
Mc Mc Mosquera

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CONSERVA RODRIGUEZ SANTA MARIA

Legacion de los Estados Unidos de Colombia.

Nº 6. Segunda carta al Banco de Inglaterra

Legation of the United States of Colombia
Paris 1st August 1867

To the first Cashier of the Bank of England

In addition to the letter that I had the honour to address to you on the 29th inst. I enclose now a copy of my answer to Mr Mc Henna's new letter of the 31st that I have just received. I of course have declined to withdraw the two Bills of £500 each accepted and due to day by Mr Cotterill

Depending therefore upon the collection of their amount which I expect shall be realized to morrow, I have the honour to inform you that on this supposition I have drawn this day two cheques upon the Bank of England viz: For £380 to the order of Messieurs Mildred Gizeneche & Co. For £600 to the order of Messieurs Isaac & Samuel. I am Sir with the highest consideration your most Obt Servant The Minister of the United States of Columbia. Mr Mc Mosquera.

Nº 7. Nota del Banco de Inglaterra.

Bill Office. Bank of England. 2 Augt 1867.- Acquaint Mr Mosquera

a Bill on Cotterill for £500
" " " " " " 500

is not paid and is noted.

Nº 8 Cheques o libranzas contra el Banco de Inglaterra, cuyo pago se frustró por no haberse realizado la cobranza de las dos letras de a £500 aceptadas por Cotterill.

F/O. 11223. Paris the 1st August 1867

To the Cashiers of the Bank of England. Pay to Messrs Mildred Goyeneche & Co Three Hundred and eighty Pounds (£380).

M M Mosquera

Noted. Cannot be paid, the effects against which it is drawn not having been realized. Bank of England 11 August 1867 – J.F.

£ 11224. Paris the 1st August 1867 – To the Cashiers of the Bank of England. Pay to the order of Messieurs Isaacs & Samuel Six Hundred Pounds Sterling (£600)

M M Mosquera

Noted. Drawn against effects not realized –

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M. M. Mosquera

Noted Drawn against effects not realized

Legacion de los Estados Unidos de Colombia.

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40 Old Broad Street E.C.
London 27th July 1867.

To His Excellency Señor M. M. Mosquera Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of Colombia.

Your Excellency.

Having learn from the Bank of England that you hold two Bills for £500 each drawn by me from Bogotá upon Mr. William Henry Cotterill of this city, due on 1st. August & received by you from the Government at Bogotá. I beg to acquaint you that these Bills were given to the Government of the United States of Colombia in consideration of certain conditions which the Government have not carried out.

These Bills formed part of a loan of £20.000 made by me to the Government upon the express condition that the Government were to remit me specially by 4 instalments of £5000 each on 1 april, 1 may, 1 june & 1 July, in time to provide for the Bills before maturity, but up to this time no remittance whatever has been received.

Under these circumstances the Government have completely failed to meet the engagements undertaken by them & upon the faith of which the Bills were given. I beg to inform you that I have requested Mr. Cotterill not to pay the acceptances in question, and you will therefore see the propriety of not presenting those Bills for payment, but return them to the Government from whom you received them, with the notice declaring the reason why the Bills are not honored.

I have the honor to be your very obedient Servant

(Signed) W. C. M'Kenna

Es copia

Mosquera

Paris 29th July 1867

W. C. McKenna Esqre
40 Old Broad Street – London –

Sir – I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. informing me that you have requested Mr Cotterill not to pay the acceptances of two Bills for £500 each drawn by you from Bogotá upon him, due on 1st August next, and now hold by me in the Bank of England as an item of my official account there. You further inform me of certain conditions upon which these and other Bills to the amount of £20.000 were drawn by you on behalf of the Government of the United States of Colombia.

These two Bills having been sent to me by the Secretary of the Treasury and National Credit for a special employment without any reference whatever to the matter to which you allude, I am not at liberty to deal with them but in the regular course of business –

I have the honor to be your most obedt. servant –
(Signed) The Minister of the UU. SS. of Colombia –
M M Mosquera –

Legation of the UU. SS. of Colombia
Paris 29th July 1867.

To the Chief Cashier of the Bank of England.

Sir – Having received from Mr. W. C. McKenna a letter dated on the 27th inst. informing me that on the ground of certain allegations which he has to set up against the Government of the UU. SS. of Colombia, he had requested Mr Cotterill not to pay the acceptances of the two Bills of £500 each to be due on the 1st August next, I have thought it proper to send you here inclosed a full copy of the answer that I have given to Mr. McKenna, so that you may proceed in conformity with the ordinary rules of commerce for the collection of the said Bills –

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant –
the Minister of the UU. SS. of Colombia – M M Mosquera –

Es copia – Mosquera

40 Old Broad Street
London July 31st 1867.

Your Excellency — I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29 inst. in which you acquaint me that the Bills about which I wrote to your Excellency on the 27th instant having been sent to you by the Secretary to the Treasury and National credit for a special employment and without any reference whatever to the matter to which I alluded, you are not at liberty to deal with them except in the regular course of business —

I beg to state that I deemed it right upon the receipt of your letter to forward to Your Excellency a telegram of which the following is a copy:

"McKenna — London — To His Excellency A. C. M. Mosquera Legation United States of Colombia Paris."

"If Bills are presented I will hold you responsible for all consequences to me, and the credit of your Government — You hold them for Government and under the circumstances have no right to deal with them"

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I have the honor to be your very obed^t Servant —

(Signed) W. L. McKenna —

To His Excellency M. A. Mosquera &c. &c. —

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Legation of the U.U.S.S. of Colombia
Paris 1st August 1867

Sir — I have received your telegram and your letter dated 31st July. I sincerely regret that, in the circumstances of the case, it is out of my power to withdraw the Bills in question without taking upon myself a great responsibility. In financial matters I am a mere agent of the Colombian Government, and this official capacity involves a tacit mutual compact, namely, that I would fulfil their commissions, and that they should provide the necessary means for disengaging me of all and any pecuniary obligations I might enter into. For this purpose were sent to me the two Bills of £500 each, drawn by you from Bogota, duly accepted by Mr. Cotterill, and just due to-day. Relying of course upon such good signatures as yours and Mr. Cotterill's, I had nothing more to inquire, nor have had any cognizance of your deeds with the Government at Bogota. I am in fact bound to pay several accounts to which these monies are specially destined, and my word is engaged therein.

Trusting that upon mature reflection you will see the real footing of this affair —

I have the honor to be your most obedient Servant —

(Signed) M. Mallouquen

To the Chief Cashier of the Bank of England — London

Legation of the U.U. S.S. of Colombia, Paris 1st August 1867

Sir, In addition to the letter that I had the honor to address to you on the 29th July, I enclose now a copy of my answer to Mr. McKenna's new letter of the 31st that I have just received. I of course have declined to withdraw the two Bills of £500 each accepted & due to-day by Mr. Cotterill. — Depending therefore upon the collection of their amount, which I expect shall be realized to-morrow, I have the honor to inform you that on this supposition I have drawn this day two cheques upon the Bank of England, viz: For £380 to the order of Messrs. Mildred Gozenich & Co. and £600 to the order of Messrs Isaac & Samuel — I am, sir, with the highest consideration your most obt. Servant — (Signed) The Minister of the U.U. SS of Colombia

M. Mallouquen

Es copia — Mallouquen